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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST TO ICEM FOR ASSISTANCE

REF: GENEVA 6352

1. THROUGH LOCAL ICEM REPRESENTATIVE, USAID/NICARAGUA HAS RECEIVED FULL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PROJECTS OUTLINED REFTEL. WE WERE ASKED TO CONSIDER USG FINANCING ONLY FOR THE 13 PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL BEING REQUESTED BY THE NATIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE BOARD (PROJECT NIC-7). TWO FACTORS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE USAID TO PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED.

1) BECAUSE WE DO NOT NOW HAVE AN ONGOING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME FRAME; AND
2) THE ASSISTANCE WOULD INVOLVE FINANCING FOR WHAT WOULD IN EFFECT, BE OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL RATHER THAN FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) IN THE USUAL SENSE. IN THIS LATTER REGARD, WE NORMALLY PROVIDE TA AT A HIGHER LEVEL IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE WIDER IMPACT WITH OUT LIMITED RESOURCES.

2. FYI: IT APPEARS FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE THAT SPANISH GOVERNMENT IS FINANCING PROJECT NIC-5 IN ADDITION TO NIC-1, 2 AND 3. ICEM REPRESENTATIVE HERE INDICATES THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MAY PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR NIC-4 LEAVING ONLY NIC-6 AND NIC-7 WITHOUT FIRM SPONSORSHIP.

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